

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the text as follows:

Page 1, line 2, please insert:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 1, line 10, please insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 1, line 18, please insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 19 with following amended paragraph:

The invention provides a system for dispensing a substance, comprising[[[: -]] a compressible container for a stock of substance that is to be dispensed, which container has an outlet member for dispensing substance from the container, [[-]] and comprising a dispensing device for the metered dispensing of substance from the container. ~~which device comprises:~~ [[-]] The dispensing device comprises a housing having a chamber for accommodating a compressible container, which chamber has a substantially vertically extending peripheral wall and an opening at the top side for placing the container into the chamber from above. ~~[[, -]] a~~ A counter-supporting member for the top side of the container is

provided, which counter-supporting member can be placed over the opening at the top side of the chamber after the container has been placed into the chamber. [[, -]] a A displaceable pressure-exerting member which extends as a base which can be moved up and down in the chamber and is designed to act on the container placed in the chamber. [[, -]] The dispensing device furthermore comprises drive means for the pressure-exerting member, such that the substance is dispensed from the container through compression of the container between the counter-supporting member and the pressure-exerting member moving upwards in the direction of the counter-supporting member.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 3, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Further advantageous embodiments of the system according to the invention are described in the claims and in the following description with reference to the drawing, in which: drawings.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 3, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 1 diagrammatically depicts a side view of a

preferred embodiment of the dispensing device of the
system according to the ~~invention~~, invention;

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line
10, with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 2 shows a plan view of the dispensing device from
Figure 1 with the lid ~~removed~~, removed;

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line
12 with the following amended paragraph:**

Figs. 3-5 show the same view as in Figure 1, with the
container having been emptied to an ever increasing
~~extent~~, extent;

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line
15, with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 6 shows a detail of the dispensing device and
associated compressible ~~container~~, container;

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line
17, with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 7 shows a detail of the dispensing ~~system~~, system;

Fig. 8 shows a side view of drive means of a preferred
embodiment of the device according to the

~~invention,~~invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 9 shows a cross section through a preferred embodiment of a dispensing device according to the

~~invention,~~invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 10 shows an embodiment of compression means for compressing a dispensing passage ~~member,~~member;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 11 shows another embodiment of compression means for compressing a dispensing passage ~~member,~~member; and